

## **Criteria for Presenting the India Study Circle Award**

The philosophy behind the creation of the ISC Award is to encourage philately, and so the criterion for giving the Award is liberal. The India Study Circle believes that study of the stamps and postal history of the Indian sub-continent can be extremely rewarding for the individual collector and for philately in general. We wish to encourage philatelists to improve the philatelic knowledge of India by displaying their collections and studies to the general public.

*Eligibility of Award:* Any exhibit achieving at least the Bronze show medal level at an APS World Series of Philately show is eligible including 1-frame exhibits, literature, and all other APS categories. Exhibitors do not have to be a member of any specialist or national society, study circle, or research organization.

*Definition of India Subject Material:* Any exhibit with a strong theme relating to any aspect of philately in the Indian sub-continent is eligible (note that Nepal and Tibet are not eligible unless the exhibit is linked prominently to Indian postal history). India used abroad, Burma, Convention and Feudatory (Princely) States, Indian Forces, Censored Mail, Fiscals (individual States or Imperial India), Airmails, and exhibits classified as "Display" are eligible for the Award. In all cases, the decision of the Jury on eligibility is final.

*Logistics for the Award:* Multiple Awards may be made and it would be appreciated if the Show Chairman or Awards Committee Chair could contact the ISC Secretary for the Americas for sufficient medals to be mailed prior to the Show. If the ISC medal is not awarded at a show, it remains valid should be retained for future use.

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